

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 27, 2011

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Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We commend the FCC on its efforts to ensure that all Americans have access to broadband services. Broadband has become essential to Americans' economic opportunities and civic life, and it is critical that the FCC take steps to bridge the digital gap between those Americans who are reaping the benefits of broadband and those who have yet to do so. An important element of bridging this "digital divide" is ensuring that sufficient Universal Service Fund (USF) support is available for broadband adoption programs.

Consumers today contribute \$4.5 billion annually toward the USF support for incumbent telephone companies in high-cost areas. As the National Broadband Plan noted, unrestrained growth in the fund not only imposes a greater cost burden on consumers, who pay into the fund via a contribution factor that continues to reach higher and higher levels, but it could also jeopardize public support for the goals of universal service. The collection of up to \$4.5 billion per year, appropriately targeted to high-cost areas, should provide sufficient funding to support broadband deployment. Within that context, we believe it is clear that uncontrolled growth of the fund is unsustainable. Further, as the reform process moves forward, we encourage the Commission to maintain its firm commitment in the National Broadband Plan to impose responsible and enforceable budget discipline.


Taking such steps will not only promote the best use of consumer dollars for deployment, it is also critically important for ensuring sufficient funding for broadband adoption programs. While terrestrial broadband service today is available to 95 percent of U.S. households, only an estimated 67 percent of such households actually subscribe. In today's economy, the internet has become a necessity, not a luxury. We must do more to promote subscribership through adoption programs. The lack of subscribership is often not due to a lack of interest in broadband, but rather because the households may not have the necessary equipment, training or educational opportunities to take advantage of the benefits of Internet use. Other households simply cannot afford even basic broadband service. In fact, according to the recent FCC survey, more than 28 million Americans do not subscribe to broadband service because of barriers to broadband adoption. A truly complete USF program would include adequate funding to bring

critical programs, like broadband adoption initiatives modeled after the Lifeline and Link Up, into the broadband era.

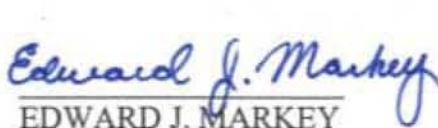
As the FCC considers how to reform the USF program, we urge you to remain mindful of the need for funding adoption programs as well as deployment. With appropriate fiscal responsibility, there is sufficient funding for both – without unduly burdening consumers with additional USF fees. Thank you for your attention to these important issues. Please make this letter available on the record in the appropriate FCC docket.

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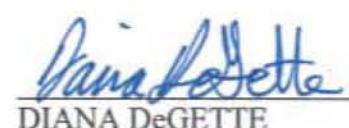
  
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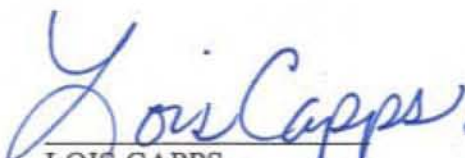
  
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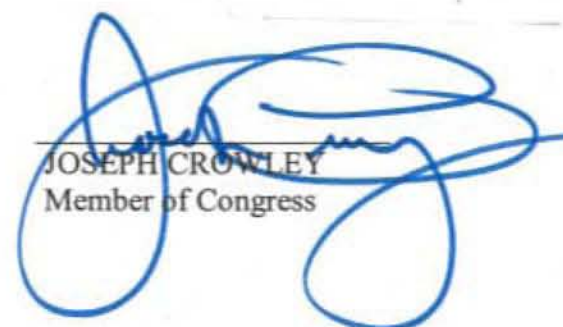
  
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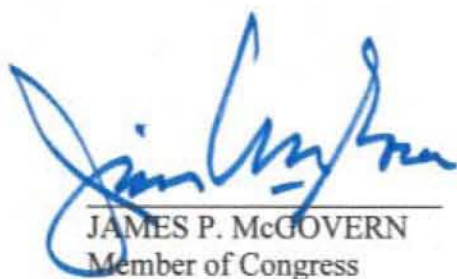
  
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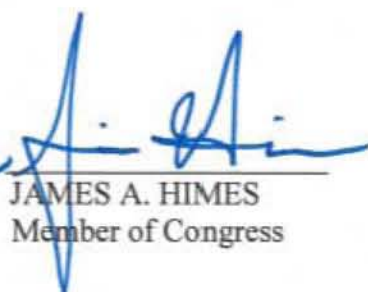
  
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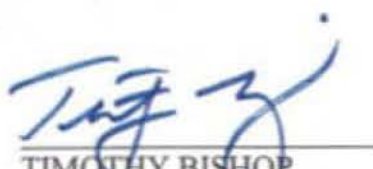
  
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November 17, 2011

The Honorable Joe Baca  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2366 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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2221 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
306 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Lois Capps  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1510 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2322 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Mike Honda  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1713 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2267 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1401 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2348 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Doris O. Matsui  
U.S. House of Representatives  
222 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
438 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Gerald "Jerry" M. McNerney  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1210 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
431 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1330 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1114 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2423 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Janice D. Schakowsky  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2367 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2411 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1227 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Bradley J. Sherman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2242 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
231 Cannon House Office Building  
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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2322 Rayburn House Office Building  
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